number of child labourers in Orissa is 3,77,594. The scheme of National Child Labour Project, which is a Central Sector Scheme, has been extended to 18 districts of Orissa and aims at withdrawing and rehabilitating children through special schools and finally mainstreaming them into the formal education system. The first National Child Labour Project was sanctioned in the Sambalpur district of Orissa in 1993-94. At present, 3500 child labourers are enrolled in the special schools in the districts under the scheme, 5050 children have been mainstreamed into formal schools so far.

(c) The Government is committed to the goal of elimination of child labour in all its forms. However, considering the magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach is being followed. As per the strategy adopted by the Government under the 10th Plan, with the help of a focused action and an effective convergence of various developmental schemes, particularly the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, it is Government's endeavour to eliminate child labour from hazardous employments by the end of the 10th Plan.

(d) The fund allocation for the scheme of National Child Labour Project including Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Agencies during the current Five Year Plan period is Rs. 602 crores.

. **Financial aid to the hospital of beedi workers**

†1727. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual financial aid to be provided by the Centre to beedi workers hospital, Gurusahaiganj (Kannoj, U.P.);

(b) whether Government have carried out any inspection or made any assessment of availability of equipments, staff nurses, medicines in pathological laboratory of the said hospital;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government would immediately consider on increasing financial aid and taking other measures for renovation of the said hospital?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Central hospital at Gurusahaiganj (Kannoj, U.P.) is run by the Labour Welfare Organisation and the entire expenditure on running the hospital is met from the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund. During the years 2003-04, an expenditure of Rs. 6.90 lakh was incurred on medicines and equipments.

(b) to (d) Inspection/assessment of existing facilities in the hospital is a continuous process. Necessary action is being taken to provide/ upgrade the facilities as and when required.

Unogranised Sector Workers Bill

1728. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to bring before Parliament the Unorganised Sector Workers Bill;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet has sought some clarifications from the Ministry with regard to this Bill;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the manner in which Government propose to fund the social security scheme; and

(e) the details of the agencies that are going to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (e) A proposal to enact the Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2003 is under consideration of the Government.

Voting right to NRIs

1729. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of NON RESIDENT INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to implement voting right and dual citizenship to Non-Resident Indians;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government so far to implement the same;